

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 15 Jan 61	2. LOCATION SE of Paine Field, Washington	12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <i>Meteor</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2227 GMT 160627Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Military	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 sec	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Brilliant white object size of basketball. Resembled a strong spotlight. Then it exploded and a large part of the sky was lit up. There was considerable orange and some blue coloring in explosion. No sound heard. Object appeared level with pilot flying at 35,000'.		11. COMMENTS No satellites reentering at this time. Description and duration are characteristic of a meteor. Brightness was a fireball which exploded before it reached the earth's surface.

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EVALUATION

FROM (Agency)
64th Ftr Intcpt Sqd bns emt .bPREPARED BY (Officer)
1st Lt W B McDonaldSOURCE
Capt R E Dawson .fngtM (S)

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

SUMMARY (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 119-Part II.)
UFO. I am in doubt whether to call my sighting an object or an airborne explosion; however, I will assume the sighting was on object before it exploded.

a. Description:

- (1) Fireball first, and then a large portion of sky was lit up as if an explosion had occurred. There was considerable orange and some blue coloring in explosion. (jolli) , meawsG H fredoA qjsC
- (2) Fireball was basketball size. (jolli) tu Mif i somst jil fai
- (3) Fireball was brilliant white. It resembled a strong spotlight. das , SMT enist , p. qmmt hntt .ct jk mlel dntt
- (4) Only one. about bus' resit .
- (5) Only one. .jolli .it lo got no jolli on: feet 000,25 to snow sv (I)
- (6) My first impression was that a large landing light had been turned on in my face. (jolli) , shot burlo .nition araw sv .shucto itiw lopveo saw sois
- (7) No tail visible to me.
- (8) No sound, I was flying in a T-33 aircraft.

b. Description of object:

- (1) The intense light which appeared to be approaching rapidly. My first thought was that I was about to collide with something and I initiated evasive maneuvers.
- (2) Object appeared level with me.
- (3) Object was in my nine o'clock, and my magnetic heading was 290°. My altitude was 35,000 feet, my ground speed 330.
- (4) Appeared to be gaining altitude.
- (5) The sequence was this: brilliant white, fireball; then a brilliant colorful explosion (which silhouetted the cloud tops), and returned to darkness. INCLS
- (6) Approximately five seconds.

c. Manner of observation:

(over)

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REPORT NO.	DATE	CLASSIFICATION
AB IN THE NIGHTINGALE		CONFIDENTIAL
(1) I was airborne in a T-33 aircraft number 56-1594. My call sign was Air Force Jet 194. I was flying on a heading of 290° at 35,000 feet, and my ground speed was 350 knots, and was ten minutes southeast of the Paine TVOR. My home station is Paine Field, Washington.		
d. Time and date of sighting		Time Field, Wash
(1) Time was 0627Z, 16 Jan 61.		16 Jan 61
(2) Night.		Capt R E Dawson
RELEASER BY (Name)		
REFERENCE (Optional: Report, letter, statement, etc., or addenda)		
SUMMARY (Briefly describe substance of report. Give information in your own words. This part of report is to be typed or printed.)		
(1) It was 55 nautical miles southeast of the Paine TVOR tracking inbound on the 110° radial. We do not know if this was the same object as the one seen earlier; however, it will be checked.		
e. Location of observers:		
Capt Robert E Dawson, (Pilot)		
1st Lt James L Fulk Jr (Pilot)		
1st Lt James L Fulk Jr (Pilot)		
f. Identifying information on observers.		
g. Description.		
(1) We were at 35,000 feet and flying on top of the overcast. The entire area was covered with clouds. We were scissoring cloud tops. No banner hood had been observed as of yet.		
(2) And this was only a beginning--for on January 15, 1961 a so-called meteor flashed across the sky in southern Oregon and northern California, lighting up Eureka, California almost like daylight.		
(3) Object appeared level with me.		
(4) Object was at the 200° point and was moving westward at 350 feet per second, with a speed of 25,000 feet per second.		
(5) Object was at the 200° point and was moving westward at 350 feet per second.		
(6) Approximate time of encounter.		
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